

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF MAYOR GISELLE HALE AS SHE CONCLUDES HER SERVICE ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF REDWOOD CITY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague the Honorable Giselle Hale as she concludes her service on the City Council of Redwood City. Serving from 2018 to the present, Giselle helped shape a remarkable period in Redwood City's history and development.

Giselle had a lot of experience before joining the council. She was a planning commissioner for four years prior to her election, and during that time she strongly supported housing development in a city with explosive job growth. For example, she voted for the development of 131 townhouses at 1548 Maple Street, noting that, "There are very few three-bedroom units and ownership opportunities, and I think it's a fabulous opportunity . . . [and it is] activating a part of the waterfront to make it a destination." Countless families, recently moved to town, have in part Giselle Hale to thank for their opportunity.

In 2018, council candidate Hale's ballot statement said that, if elected, she would work hard to make streets safer, to ensure unmatched police and fire services, support local businesses, provide housing for all income groups, promote excellent schools, and increase childcare options. She also indicated that she would draw on her business experience, including nine years in global marketing and additional years in other positions, to keep the city fiscally strong.

During the campaign she broke her foot while precinct walking. Unfazed, she went door to door using a knee scooter, and posted a video on social media to prove that she wasn't going to stop campaigning for any reason. In that election, she received the highest vote total out of three successful candidates at 12,723.

In 2019, the city adopted a maternity leave policy at the same time that it required improved attendance by members of boards and commissions. Councilwoman Hale made the case for the policy. In 2020, she again worked with her colleagues, this time to create a city requirement for the installation of electric appliances in new construction. "What are the biggest opportunities to slow down climate change?" remarked Giselle. "In terms of what the city can address, they fall into two buckets: transportation and buildings." The measure was adopted.

When COVID hit, Councilwoman Hale supported a rent relief fund and changes to city ordinances and practices to support local businesses. Like so many others, she also worked hard to educate her two children. In August 2020, she wrote an opinion piece in our local

newspaper advising adults to be kind to children as they went back to school largely online. She pointed out their losses of friendships and social time, and the impact the pandemic also had on teachers who were struggling with Zoom classes and uneven access by students to technology.

During the early months of the pandemic, other problems in the community did not subside. Giselle urged developers to provide childcare for working parents and worked with allies across the county to find money to assist childcare providers as the industry suffered from COVID. In 2020, she worked to establish a safe parking program for people living in RVs, moving them off the streets and into mental health and other needed services.

In 2022, Mayor Hale worked to end encampments along state rights of way and to bring people in from the cold. The county and city teamed up to purchase and renovate a hotel located close to a major encampment. A 240 bed county-led navigation center will soon open in Redwood City. Mayor Hale strongly supported the center. Also in 2022, the Mayors Mental Health Initiative, established by Mayor Hale and San Carlos Mayor Sara McDowell, was established to train residents across the county in ways to help neighbors experiencing a mental health crisis.

Madam Speaker, serving on a city council is essentially a volunteer job. It's quite common to spend twenty or more hours per week on city matters, particularly when counting related meetings on regional agencies that inevitably oblige a councilmember to leave hearth and home to once again give back to the community. I want to thank Giselle's husband, Brian, and her two daughters, Lucretia and Vivienne, for allowing her to serve her constituents. Four years of solid success mark her time on the city council of Redwood City. Giselle will be able to point to her accomplishments for many years to come. I hope she remains involved in Redwood City. Her community can always use a great leader to ensure that it remains healthy and that it thrives.

RECOGNIZING SHAWN KUMAGAI

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dublin City Council member Shawn Kumagai at the conclusion of his council membership on December 20, 2022.

Shawn's career is demonstrative of his commitment to public service. It began when he enlisted in the Navy in 2001, serving active duty and ascending in rank to Chief Petty Officer until 2011. He continues his service in the Navy Reserve with an intelligence unit at Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area as Master Chief Petty Officer.

Shawn received his Associate of Arts degree in Chinese Mandarin from the Defense

Language Institute Foreign Language Center in 2001. While on active duty, Shawn received a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior University in 2007. Shawn later received his Masters of Instructional Science and Technology from California State University Monterey Bay in 2013.

In 2016, Shawn moved with his brother to Dublin while he worked as an instructional design consultant for Pacific Gas and Electric. In 2019, Shawn became the District Director for California Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, representing the 16th district.

When he was elected to Dublin City Council in 2018, Shawn made history as the city's first openly gay elected official. He helped the city maintain a balanced budget and receive the highest credit rating possible. Shawn also successfully advocated for displaying the pride flag at Dublin City Hall in 2019. In December 2020, Mayor Melissa Hernandez appointed Shawn as a vice mayor, and in that role, he helped secure \$1 million in funding for small business rent relief grants during the pandemic.

As a council member, Shawn served on various committees, including the Alameda County Fire Department Advisory Committee, Alameda County Housing Authority, Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembly, East Bay Regional Park District Liaison Committee, Economic Development Committee, Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Committee, Military Communities Committee, and the Tri-Valley Water Liaison Committee, among others.

For the past four years, Shawn has worked to ensure the City of Dublin is responsive to the needs of its residents. I join the Dublin community in celebrating his numerous achievements. I wish him quality time with his loving husband, Alex, and brother, Kevin, as he moves forward to his next adventure.

RECOGNIZING RONDA GUYTON FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEORIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ronda Guyton for her 28 years of service in the Peoria County Sheriff's Department. Law enforcement is an essential pillar of American society responsible for guaranteeing safety and stability for our communities and families. Ronda provided an integral part of this through the care, control, and custody of the Peoria County Jail. As superintendent, Ronda ensured that those in custody of the jail were properly detained. She also ensured that detainees were treated fairly and respectfully; so that justice could be served.

Ronda served in several roles while working her way up the ranks of the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. She began as a corrections

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officer, served as a deputy officer, and was later promoted to jail superintendent. Her most recent promotion broke down multiple barriers as she was the first woman and the first African American to hold this position. The excellence she consistently demonstrated throughout her career not only set an example but paved the way for others in the future.

I am grateful for Ronda's leadership and commitment to the Peoria County Sheriffs Department where her presence will be deeply missed. I offer her my prayers and support in her ongoing battle with cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
THE HONORABLE LAURA
PARMER-LOHAN FROM THE CITY
COUNCIL OF SAN CARLOS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Laura Parmer-Lohan as she departs the City Council of San Carlos after serving in this position from 2018 to 2022. Her years of service span a remarkable chapter in the history of her community.

When she took the oath of office in late 2018, the county of San Mateo had an unemployment rate of 2.1 percent. As she leaves office, the unemployment rate is 1.9 percent. Unemployment is generally a key indicator of the quality of life in a community. If a visitor from space judged community history from only those two numbers, they would think that nothing changed in the years that Laura served her neighbors. As we all know, one would have to be a visitor from space to have that point of view.

Her colleague, Councilman Ron Collins, made this comment about the year 2020 when he served as Mayor and Laura served as Vice-Mayor. "During that tumultuous year, Laura earnestly sought out community and business leaders to understand their COVID-related issues. She was then instrumental in securing the practical help we needed as neighbors and business owners." The record backs him up. Laura and her colleagues offered city financial support to businesses and residents, closed portions of the downtown to ensure the survival of restaurants, and adapted their plans on the go to accommodate as many needs as possible.

A note within the city's 3rd quarter financial report of fiscal year 2019–2020 contains this historic understatement, "The COVID-19 related emergency declared in mid-March began to affect revenue and expenditures towards the end of the third quarter, but the effects had little impact on the usual trends. The effects will primarily be seen in quarter four and beyond." Laura works in the private sector. To her that language was financial-speak for, "Head for the high ground. A tsunami is coming."

She and her colleagues ably guided city finances despite enormous uncertainty. San Carlos is recovering from the pandemic with strong finances. As city residents take stock of their high-quality police and fire services, beautiful parks, and restoration of much-beloved public events like Home Town Days and the downtown Art and Wine Festival, they can

in part thank Laura and her colleagues for wrestling community success from the jaws of the COVID-19 alligator.

Of course, her term of office should not be defined by the pandemic. Laura worked hard to establish a higher minimum wage, voted for affordable housing construction, and supported a plan for the city's eastside industrial area that will lead to the creation of thousands of life science and other high technology jobs over the coming years. She is a strong advocate for affordable childcare, voted to ban the sale of flavored tobacco in San Carlos, supported linkage fees to create community benefits from commercial development, and supported using city funds for gun buybacks. One colleague remarked that she also did a great job running city council meetings. If there was an Emmy Award for Zoom city council meetings that run on time and still hold the public's attention at 11 p.m. on a work night, Laura would accept in the role of best director, with appropriate recognition given to staff and her colleagues.

Laura was born in West Virginia and raised in San Diego. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and her MBA from the University of California at Berkeley. She and her family moved to San Carlos in 2011, and then deeply embedded themselves in the life of this small community. Laura's wife, Kathy, is the widely respected Executive Director of the San Carlos Education Foundation, and their two sons, Bradley and Gregory, attended local public schools.

Laura can often be seen riding her bicycle around town. She is an avid athlete and her energy in public office reflects her stamina. She will soon have more time for her family and friends, a just reward after so many evenings donated for public benefit. We should all thank her family for their support of her service.

Madam Speaker, John Denver memorably described Laura's birthplace, West Virginia, as "almost heaven." We shouldn't put Laura on the spot to compare San Carlos to the Blue Ridge Mountains, but we're thankful that she and her family settled on Howard Avenue rather than on the banks of the Shenandoah River. Denver also sang that life is old in West Virginia. Proudly, San Carlos is quite young and vibrant. This also describes the spirit of Laura Parmer-Lohan. She is a public servant who in 2018 signed up for a volunteer job on a few nights a month. She ended up doing enormous overtime in defense of our lives and welfare for four eventful years. Job well done.

HONORING MONTY TRAINER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Monty Trainer for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on the July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories. Monty Trainer's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Monty Trainer for his contributions to the community and his role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

REMEMBERING STAUGHTON LYND

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Staughton Lynd, who passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022. He was 92 years old.

Staughton was born in 1929, the son of Robert and Helen Merrell Lynd. Staughton grew up in New York City, during the Great Depression and World War II. He went through the schools of the Ethical Culture Society, where he took to heart the words in the auditorium, "The place where men meet to seek the highest is holy ground." As a senior at Fieldston, he was elected class president and captain of the baseball team. Staughton received a Bachelor of Arts degree at Harvard, Master of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees in history from Columbia and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Chicago.

Staughton Lynd and Alice Lee Niles met in Cambridge, Mass., in the summer of 1950, shortly after the beginning of the Korean war. They were married a year later, at the Stony Run Friends Meetinghouse in Baltimore, where Alice's parents were members.

During the mid-1950s, they lived in an ecumenical religious community in northeast Georgia. Several years later, they joined the Religious Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers.

Eager to participate in the Southern civil rights movement, in 1961, Staughton accepted an offer to teach history at Spelman College in Atlanta.

In 1964, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) recruited him to be coordinator of the "Freedom Schools" for black teenagers as part of the interracial "Mississippi Summer Project." At a time when whites were becoming less welcome in the civil rights movement in the South, in 1964, Staughton accepted a position teaching history at Yale University and the Lynds moved to New Haven, Connecticut.

Staughton chaired the first march against the war in Vietnam in Washington, D.C., on April 17, 1965. On August 9, 1965, he was arrested together with Bob Moses and David Dellinger at the Assembly of Unrepresented People in Washington, D.C., where demonstrators sought to declare peace with the people of Vietnam on the steps of the Capitol. In December 1965 through January 1966, Staughton, along with Tom Hayden and Herbert Aptheker made a controversial trip to Hanoi in hopes of clarifying the peace terms that might be acceptable to the North Vietnamese government and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam. Because of his notoriety and controversy over his advocacy

and practice of civil disobedience, he was denied tenure at Yale and was blacklisted as an historian.

In order to respond to the needs of workers whose problems were not being addressed, Staughton went to law school in 1973. Following his graduation in 1976, the Lynds moved to the Youngstown area, shortly before the steel mill closings began. While employed by Northeast Ohio Legal Services, an office that represented clients who could not afford to pay a lawyer, Staughton served as attorney for the Ecumenical Coalition of the Mahoning Valley in its unsuccessful efforts to implement a plan for worker/community ownership of the area steel mills: Local 1330 vs. U.S. Steel.

After retirement in 1996, the Lynds became deeply involved in advocacy for prisoners. They served as co-counsel in a class action on placement and retention of prisoners in solitary confinement at the Ohio State Penitentiary in Youngstown. A favorable decision in *Austin vs. Wilkinson* (N.D. Ohio, 2002), was affirmed in part by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Wilkinson vs. Austin* (2005).

Among many books and articles by Staughton Lynd, some of which were co-authored with Alice Lynd, the following titles reflect their many concerns over the years: *Class Conflict, Slavery, and the United States Constitution*; *Intellectual Origins of American Radicalism with Alice Lynd*; *Nonviolence in America: A Documentary History with Alice Lynd*; *Rank and File: Personal Histories by Working-Class Organizers*; *The Fight Against Shutdowns: Youngstown's Steel Mill Closings*; *Living Inside Our Hope: A Steadfast Radical's Thoughts on Rebuilding the Movement*; *Doing History from the Bottom Up: On E. P. Thompson, Howard Zinn, and Rebuilding the Labor Movement from Below*; *"We Are All Leaders": The Alternative Unionism of the Early 1930 with Andrej Grubacic, Wobblies and Zapatistas*; *Conversations on Anarchism, Marxism, and Radical History with Daniel Gross*; *Labor Law for the Rank and Filer: Building Solidarity While Staying Clear of the Law with Sam Bahour and Alice Lynd*; *Homeland: Oral Histories of Palestine and Palestinians*; *Accompanying: Pathways to Social Change Lucasville: The Untold Story of a Prison Uprising with Alice Lynd*; *Stepping Stones: Memoir of a Life Together*; *Moral Injury and Nonviolent Resistance: Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Military and Behind Bars*, forthcoming from Haymarket Press, 2023, edited by Luke Stewart; and *My Country Is the World: Staughton Lynd's Writings, Speeches, and Statements against the Vietnam War*.

Staughton Lynd is survived by Alice Lynd, his wife of 71 years; their daughter, Barbara L. Bond; their son, Lee Rybeck Lynd; their daughter, Marta Lynd-Altan; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF THE HONORABLE MARIE BRIZUELA AFTER 41 REMARKABLE YEARS AS A TRUSTEE ON THE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague school board

trustee Marie Brizuela as she departs public service after forty-one remarkable years in elective office.

As noted on the district's website, "The Jefferson Elementary School District serves Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade students from four contiguous areas in San Mateo County—the city of Daly City, the Town of Colma, unincorporated Broadmoor Village, and a small section of the city of Pacifica . . . the population of the four communities has a wide socio-economic, ethnic, and cultural diversity."

Marie Brizuela is the "Guardian in Chief of the School District." For forty-one years, she has been entrusted by her community with guiding the education of its students. She has been passionate in her advocacy during her entire time on the school board. During my service in the California legislature, Marie was a regular caller, letter writer and advocate for school funding. She knows the impact of every dollar sent by California to her school district. She is intimately familiar with California's complex laws on school finance, staffing and board governance. When you walk into a library and you can't immediately find what you want to locate, you go to the reference librarian. When you are elected to the state legislature and need to know something about the schools, you go to Marie Brizuela.

The Kent Awards are a countywide award for innovative school programs. Her fellow trustees from San Mateo County routinely selected Marie as a member of the team that determined who would receive this annual, prestigious, award. Her fellow trustees selected her as a representative to the California School Boards Association. She was a member of the district's personnel committee, the member-parent involvement committee, and the executive board of the PTA.

Marie is also an adult education teacher in a nearby district. She has also served as a member of the California School Employees Association and on its board.

As if all of this was not enough, Marie has owned a dance academy and served as Wardrobe Mistress at St. Ignatius High School.

It is unusual for a person to hold two elective positions but nothing about Marie is typical. Her neighbors in Broadmoor Village elected her to the Broadmoor Police Protection Commission and she served as Secretary of the Broadmoor Property Owners Association. She was president of the Friends of the Daly City Library, Secretary of the History Guild of Daly City, and Past President of Westlake Catholic Women and the Daly City Civic Ballet, as well as the Mission Merchants Association. Somewhere in this whirlwind of activity across more than four decades she also found time to be a wife and mother. I want to thank her husband, Robert, and her children Anna Marie, Robbie, Angela, and Andrea for their willingness to share Marie with the community throughout her time in public and volunteer positions.

The community served by the Jefferson Elementary School District is composed of working and professional families who love the sense of belonging that comes with living in their neighborhood. Marie is a person widely regarded with respect and affection because she is singularly focused on building community.

On most days, the fog of Daly City and Broadmoor reliably burns off or moves off-

shore and the sunshine arrives. Marie Brizuela reliably shows up and volunteers or raises her hand to be sworn into public office. Both the predictable weather and Marie are welcomed by residents as leading indicators that the community is operating well. We thank her for her friendship and the enormous respect she has shown to others through her willingness to sacrifice on their behalf. If she's taking a break at her age, it's only to allow others to lead. They would do well to follow her outstanding example.

HONORING NATHANIEL ROBINSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Pastor Nathaniel Robinson for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on the July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation. Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Pastor Nathaniel Robinson's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Pastor Nathaniel Robinson for his contributions to the community and his role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT MATTHEW KEEFER UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Technical Sergeant Matthew Keefer of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Technical Sergeant Matthew Keefer epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Technical Sergeant Matthew Keefer of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
JASPER CURETON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazing judge, military veteran, and cherished community leader. Judge Jasper Cureton transitioned on December 6, 2022, in his home state of South Carolina. His work in and out of the court room broke barriers for many, and his legacy has left an indelible mark on the state.

Judge Cureton was born on April 26, 1938, in Walhalla, South Carolina to the late Jasper and Corrine Cureton. He attended Blue Ridge High School in Greer, South Carolina, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class in 1956. Despite facing economic difficulty, Judge Cureton recognized the value of education and went on to become a schoolmate of mine at South Carolina State College where he pursued a Bachelor of Science degree. Throughout his time in college, he worked delivering milk to afford his education. He was also a member of the ROTC program. After graduating third in his class in 1960, he became a Social Investigator for New York City's Department of Welfare. During his time in New York, he was called into active duty in the U.S. Army.

After two years of service in the Army, Judge Cureton obtained the rank of First Lieutenant. Upon satisfactory completion of his service, Cureton returned to South Carolina and taught school for a year, before making the decision to attend law school. Judge Cureton attended South Carolina State's law school for his first year. The following year S.C. State law school was closed, and he transferred to the University of South Carolina Law School in Columbia, South Carolina. In 1967, he would make history as the first African American since post-reconstruction to graduate from the University of South Carolina Law School. He was exemplary and finished second in his class.

Judge Cureton first worked for the Richland County Legal Aid Service, and briefly ran a private practice. In 1976, the state Senate elected Judge Cureton to serve as Richland County Master-In-Equity. In 1982, the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court appointed him to a one-year term as a Special Circuit Judge. The same year, he was elected to serve as a Judge for the Family Court for the Fifth Circuit. In 1983, Judge Cureton once again made history when he became one of

six men elected by the state Senate to the South Carolina Court of Appeals in its inaugural year. Throughout his service, he was respected by all and a mentor to many. Judge Cureton retired from the Bench in 2003, having served a remarkable 27 years.

Throughout his career and even after retirement, Judge Cureton was an active member and volunteer for several civic and social organizations in the greater Midlands community. He served in leadership positions in United Way of the Midlands, Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers of Columbia, The Family Service Center, the Nurturing Center, March of Dimes, Legal Services Corporation, Columbia Area Mental Health Center, and the Columbia Community Relations Council.

Through his community leadership, Judge Cureton was duly recognized with several awards and honors. In the 1972 edition, he was listed as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, and he later received a Presidential Citation from the National Association for Equal Opportunities in Higher Education. For his military service, he was awarded the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for his work in the Selective Service System, a Legion of Merit from the U.S. Army, and was inducted into the South Carolina State University ROTC Hall of Fame.

Jasper Cureton was grounded in his faith and was an active member of Zion Baptist Church, serving as Chairman of its Trustee Board for several years. He was married to the late Jean Burkins and was the father of two children, Jason Marshall Cureton and Indira Cureton.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the historic life of my dear friend, Judge Jasper Cureton. His rise from humble beginnings in rural South Carolina to his service on the South Carolina appellate court is inspirational. He broke many barriers and served his country, state, and community with distinction. I cannot think of a greater legacy. May he rest in peace.

HONORING RAQUEL REGALADO

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Miami-Dade County Commissioner Raquel Regalado for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on the July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Commissioner Raquel Regalado's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Commissioner Raquel Regalado for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

IN RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE
OF DIANA REDDY FROM THE
CITY COUNCIL OF REDWOOD
CITY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a giant sunflower in a field of wildflowers. Diana Reddy, councilwoman in Redwood City, is leaving office. I am saddened to see her retire.

As a public policymaker she stands out because of her willingness to consistently advocate for low-income families across multiple issues, most importantly housing. Her support of these families led powerful forces to oppose her initial election. She prevailed, and her message of social justice, delivered from the dais in the years since, is a call that all fair-minded persons should heed.

Diana spent 35 years working in the administration of the Sequoia Union High School District, starting in 1972. The city changed enormously during that time. From that change, she drew many lessons that she applied to her city council service.

When Diana first worked for the school district, Redwood City had about 56,000 residents and median household income was about \$10,000, equivalent in 2020 to \$63,000. By 2020, the median household income was \$123,000 or almost double what it would have been if virulent housing inflation had not created a wave of gentrification that swept over Redwood City in the intervening decades.

Upon retirement, Diana went to work for Peninsula Interfaith Action and became the face of this group before many peninsula city councils. She advocated for affordable housing, transportation services and healthcare for all residents.

In 2010, she wrote an opinion piece in our local newspaper entitled, "Why Affordable Housing Week Matters" and noted that two affordable housing developments had recently opened in San Mateo County. One had 119 apartments and 1,500 applications, while the second had 68 apartments and 1,000 applicants. Each year, she noted, San Mateo County and two other nearby counties competed nationally for the dubious distinction of being the metropolitan area where housing costs and household income are most misaligned. This situation was simply unjust.

As she noted in comments made during her council campaign eight years later, "At first, the displacement we were seeing affected service workers, low-income seniors, and veterans and has evolved into our teachers, highly trained crafts workers, nurses and others critical to our community. We are the heart of one of the wealthiest areas in the country. That wealth was created on the backs of working people who are not able to benefit from their efforts."

Today, the city's focus has changed dramatically. When discussing city policies, staff and council are now committed to grappling with the question of how the policy impacts disparate groups within the city. Councilwoman Reddy and two other councilmembers served on a council subcommittee to hammer out a proposed equity plan for the city. This changed focus is one of the outcomes. She

even helped paint the community's Unity Mural.

In addition to her support for affordable housing and tenant protections, Diana has supported measures to address climate change, and is a strong supporter of public transportation improvements and of health care services for the entire community. Her Facebook page promotes community festivals and activities like Port Fest, coastal protection, Music on the Square, gun buyback and gun lock programs, and the Diane Howard clothing sale to benefit Kainos Home and Training Center.

During the height of the COVID pandemic she supported city resources to aid families and to protect tenants from evictions. As Redwood city responded to business requests for COVID changes to ordinances, she generally supported them.

At this point, it is easy to see why Redwood City Councilwoman Diana Reddy is a sunflower amidst a field of wildflowers. Wildflowers are beautiful, but sunflowers stand out. As one surveys the field, the eye fixes on the sunflower and its message: life is bursting forth. It is beautiful. It should be lived vividly. We thank her grandchildren Lahki Reddy and Ronan Gantes for allowing Diana to serve, no doubt sometimes at the expense of family time.

As a proud advocate for working families throughout the area, and as a councilwoman, Diana Reddy stood out. Tens of thousands will never know the debt they owe her but, in a democracy, it is enough that the effort was made, that it met with a measure of success, and that the example now exists for all who follow in service to this community. Diana Reddy is leaving the official field of public policy. She will remain a sunflower as a private advocate because her remarks into a public microphone will always stand out. As in the past, so in the future, for when she concludes her remarks, thousands will utter a quiet "thank you." I would like to say thank you, dear friend, for an extraordinary contribution to humankind.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
KATHERINE ROSA ORELLANA
UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Staff Sergeant Katherine Rosa Orellana of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for her service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. She exemplifies the best of America, and her tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of

nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Staff Sergeant Katherine Rosa Orellana epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Staff Sergeant Katherine Rosa Orellana of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for her sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

HONORING DR. MARIA ORIAKHA

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Dr. Maria Oriakha for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on the July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Dr. Maria Oriakha's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Maria Oriakha for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

JAMES M. INHOFE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that we are closing out the Congress with overwhelming bipartisan support for 23 important measures to make our communities more secure and improve Department of Homeland Security operations in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023.

I am particularly pleased that we were able to reach agreement on the Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act to expand and strengthen this vital program so that more nonprofits and houses of worship can access

security assistance at this time of heightened threats of violent extremism and terrorism. With antisemitic and other violent threats on the rise, it is clear this legislation is needed now more than ever.

I also want to thank Ranking Member JOHN KATKO, as he retires from Congress, for his contributions to the Homeland Security Committee and his critical support throughout this process for the Committee's bipartisan package found in Division G of the NDAA.

While the package reflects the contributions of so many of my colleagues, I would like to give special acknowledgment to Congresswoman VAL DEMINGS who championed the Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Act. This legislation directs DHS to explore ways to provide needed bridge funding to cities to preserve homeland security capability gains accomplished through the Urban Area Security Initiative grant program when they no longer receive such funding.

With respect to cybersecurity, I am pleased that we were able to reach agreement on bipartisan provisions that originated in the Committee on Homeland Security. They include Congresswoman ELISSA SLOTKIN's legislation to reauthorize the Secret Service's National Computer Forensics Institute, Congresswoman ELAINE LURIA's bill to authorize DHS's President's Cup Cybersecurity Competition, and legislation authored by Congressman ERIC SWALWELL aimed at improving DHS's cybersecurity training to protect industrial control systems.

While I am enormously proud of the bipartisan homeland security provisions that were included, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge my disappointment that we were not able to reach agreement with the Senate on amending the law to treat TSA's workforce like most other Federal employees or authorize the vital work of DHS's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. We will continue to seek an agreement on these critical measures.

Lastly, I am particularly proud that the NDAA honors my late friend, Congressman A. Donald McEachin, by including his bill, the DHS Mentor-Protégé Program Act, to help small businesses better compete for DHS contracts. It is a fitting tribute to my friend that we came together to pass a bill to open doors of opportunity to small businesses—something that he was passionate about doing.

Mr. Speaker, the full list of Homeland Security Committee measures that will be enacted by this year's NOAA is as follows:

H.R. 6825, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act of 2022, sponsored by Rep. BENNIE G. THOMPSON (D-MS).

H.R. 5615, the Homeland Security Capabilities Preservation Act, sponsored by Rep. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS (D-FL).

H.R. 6387, the School and Daycare Protection Act, sponsored by Rep. DONALD M. PAYNE JR. (D-NJ).

H.R. 8801, the DHS Joint Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2022, sponsored by Rep. J. LUIS CORREA (D-CA) and S. 4656, the DHS Joint Task Forces Reauthorization Act of 2022, sponsored by Sen. GARY C. PETERS (D-MI).

H.R. 2915, the Homeland Procurement Reform Act, sponsored by Rep. J. LUIS CORREA (D-CA) and S. 1009, the Homeland Procurement Reform Act, sponsored by Sen. JEANNE SHAHEEN (D-NH).

H.R. 6824, the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competition Act, sponsored by Rep. ELAINE G. LURIA (D-VA).

H.R. 7777, the Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Training Act, sponsored by Rep. ERIC SWALWELL (D-CA).

H.R. 7174, the National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022, sponsored by Rep. ELISSA SLOTKIN (D-MI) and S. 4673, the National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022, sponsored by Sen. CHUCK GRASSLEY (R-IA).

H.R. 5574, the TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act ("TRANSLATE Act"), sponsored by Rep. DINA TITUS (D-NV) and S. 3296, the TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act ("TRANSLATE Act"), sponsored by Sen. JACKY ROSEN (D-NY).

H.R. 4089, the Darren Drake Act, sponsored by Rep. JOSH GOTTHEIMER (D-NJ).

H.R. 370, the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Corrections Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN (D-NJ).

H.R. 408, the Department of Homeland Security Mentor-Protégé Program Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. A. Donald McEachin (D-VA).

Section 7106, to authorize DHS's Chemical Security Analysis Center, sponsored by Rep. ANTHONY G. BROWN (D-MD).

H.R. 8316, the Securing America's Borders Against Fentanyl Act, sponsored by Rep. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER (D-VA) and S. 5052, the Securing America's Borders Against Fentanyl Act sponsored by Sen. MARK KELLY (D-AZ).

H.R. 4094, the One-Stop Pilot Program Act of 2021, sponsored by Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member JOHN KATKO (R-NY).

H.R. 6868, the Cybersecurity Grants for Schools Act of 2022, sponsored by Rep. ANDREW R. GARBARINO (R-NY).

H.R. 4363, the DHS Contract Reporting Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. DIANA HARSHBARGER (R-TN).

H.R. 5658, the DHS Roles and Responsibilities in Cyber Space Act, sponsored by Rep. DON BACON (R-NE).

H.R. 5274, the Prevent Exposure to Narcotics and Toxics (PREVENT) Act, sponsored by Rep. DAVID P. JOYCE (R-OH).

H.R. 4476, the DHS Trade and Economic Security Council Act of 2021, sponsored by Rep. PETER MEIJER (R-MI) and S. 4243, the DHS Trade and Economic Security Council Act of 2022, sponsored by Sen. ROB PORTMAN (R-OH).

H.R. 4209, the DHS Illicit Cross-Border Tunnel Defense Act, sponsored by Rep. AUGUST PFLUGER (R-TX) and S. 4339, the DHS Illicit Cross-Border Tunnel Defense Act, sponsored by Sen. JOHN CORNYN (R-TX).

S. 4902, the Invent Here, Make Here for Homeland Security Act, sponsored by Sen. ROB PORTMAN (R-OH).

S. 2540, the CISA Technical Corrections and Improvements Act of 2021, sponsored by Sen. ROB PORTMAN (R-OH).

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF MAYOR RICHA AWASTHI FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF FOSTER CITY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Richa Awasthi as she leaves public service after four years serving the people of Foster City. In November 2018, Richa Awasthi was elected to the City Council. She ran on a platform of supporting public safety, preserving Foster City's high quality of life, and dealing with traffic and transportation issues.

Foster City is a lagoon-laced community of almost 33,000 resting aside San Francisco Bay. Its residents enjoy a remarkably active life in its fine parks, sports fields, on the bay and lagoon, and throughout the year at various community events. Its schools are superb. During summer evenings in Foster City, the whole family can enjoy a walk along the levee and enjoy sweeping views of San Francisco Bay.

Earlier that year, voters had approved Measure P, a \$90 million bond measure to rebuild the levee to meet FEMA accreditation standards. Richa was a staunch supporter of this project. After joining the council, she was dogged in her insistence that the project remain on budget and that the city be transparent about the project. She and her colleagues grew concerned as estimates of project costs rose through the end of 2019 and early 2020, only to shrink substantially once the bids were opened in the early months of the pandemic. As the project got underway, she insisted that communication with the public be improved.

Shortly after she was sworn in, the council agenda contained an item approving the purchase of 22 units of affordable housing in a new development. The price was \$7 million. Richa voted to approve the purchase and therefore secured these units for working families. She has always been a strong supporter of affordable housing. For example, during her time in office, Richa supported a council action offering relocation assistance to 74 low-income households, many of them elderly, at Foster's Landing.

In 2021, Richa and one other councilmember supported raising the minimum wage in Foster City to \$15.50 per hour and then, beginning in 2022, to \$16 per hour with an annual escalator based upon the regional consumer price index. The measure failed passage at the 2021 council meeting, but a revised measure was passed in 2022. In supporting these proposals, Richa indicated that the council needed to consider all community stakeholders including workers, employees, consumers and staff. She noted that, in her view, the city had the power to protect the most vulnerable.

In her initial comments as Mayor, Richa noted the decline in the city's retail and restaurant businesses. She and her colleagues committed themselves to encouraging economic development and to strengthening ties with large businesses in the city.

As COVID and other demands took their toll on city staff, Richa supported securing the services of the current city manager. Mayor

Awasthi stated, "Experience is one of the most important things for us. Having that experience, not just in theory, but actually demonstrating it as a manager . . . that was the number one thing." The current city manager has worked hard to recruit needed employees to the city and to keep major public works projects, such as the levee and rebuilding of the recreation center, on target.

Foster City was developed in the 1970's and it owns quite a lot of infrastructure, including numerous bridges, a large lagoon system, pumps, and numerous parks that require a lot of maintenance. The recreation center was built in 1974 and is near the end of its useful life. Earlier this year, Mayor Awasthi was appointed by her colleagues to a three-person task force to select a construction firm for final approval by the council. Their recommendation, from amongst seven applicants, will set in motion the eventual construction of a new \$55 million facility, dreamed about since 2016.

Madam Speaker, as Richa Awasthi leaves public service, she has many things of which she may be proud. The city is thriving, and its finances are generally on a sound footing. Its parks remain outstanding, and the city sustained momentum on its levee project. Public services survived the pandemic, and the city made accommodations to its practices to support businesses. Responsible growth and provision for multiple income levels through the creation of affordable housing are widely held community values, and ones that Richa upheld during her council service.

I hope that Richa will remain engaged in her community. We are all strengthened when the voice of experience is lent to resolving public issues. Whether from the dais or the audience, Richa will have that experience and the ability to influence Foster City's future for the better. I wish her all the best in the years ahead.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN KEVIN BRADY OF TEXAS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Congressman KEVIN BRADY upon his retirement after 13 terms in the House of Representatives.

There are two kinds of people in Congress: workhorses and show ponies. Anyone who has spent time with Congressman BRADY knows that he is a member of the former group. We may be members of different parties, but I always knew that Congressman BRADY did what he thought was best for the working families and seniors of the Lone Star State.

This was true when we served together in the Texas House of Representatives, and it was true during our time in Congress.

Congressman BRADY is just the third Texan to ever chair the House Ways and Means Committee. Among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in passing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and restoring the federal sales tax deduction. He helped secure emergency federal relief for Texas communities struck by natural disasters, and he is a staunch advocate of rare disease research.

After 26 years in the House, Congressman BRADY has earned the right to step away and spend more time with his family—his wife Cathy and his two sons, Will and Sean. It has been an honor to call him not only a colleague, but also a friend—or as Robert Puente would say, *amigo*. Once again, I would like to congratulate him on his retirement and wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
IDALIZ ALICEA UPON RECEIVING
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING
CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Staff Sergeant Idaliz Alicea of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for her service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. She exemplifies the best of America, and her tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

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HONORING JESSE JACKSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Jesse Lewis Jackson, Sr. for his historic accomplishments and contributions to our nation's history, for receiving the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom and Justice Award, and for his induction into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Jesse Jackson has been called the Conscience of the Nation and the Great Unifier. He is a former candidate for President, Civil Rights champion, and Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient, the nation's highest honor.

Born on October 8, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina, Jesse Jackson graduated from the public schools in Greenville and enrolled in the University of Illinois. He later transferred to North Carolina A&T State University and graduated in 1964. He has received more than 40 honorary doctorate degrees.

During the 116th Congress, Jesse Jackson endorsed the passing of an historic, bipartisan piece of legislation that created the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, and I was proud to honor him at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast.

Jackson has championed civil and human rights for many years, pressing for broader employment opportunities for African-Americans and negotiating the release of international hostages and prisoners. It is an honor and a joy to call our Conscience of the Nation and the Great Unifier a dear friend.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF
THE HONORABLE SANJAY
GEHANI FROM THE CITY COUNCIL
OF FOSTER CITY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sanjay Gehani as he concludes his service on the city council of Foster City. Sanjay was elected in 2018 and is the first Mayor of Indian descent in the city's history. When elected, he likely never imagined that a global pandemic as well as federal and state law would profoundly shape his time in office.

Sanjay is a true child of the Midpeninsula. He was raised in Belmont and moved to Foster City as a child where he fondly remembers playing Little League on Foster City's wonderful sports fields. He and his family have always had a home in the city, although in recent years his parents maintain their primary residence across the bay. As a resident since childhood, he is invested in this community and its traditions.

In his candidate statement, Sanjay listed three top priorities as, "Take a break from housing production, enable traffic management solutions, improve relationships with the school district." During his four-year term, the city created a traffic mitigation measure along Hillsdale Boulevard and Foster City worked closely with a state legislator to change state law to allow cities to access state housing funds to preserve existing affordable housing. Sanjay supported both measures as well as efforts to assist residents of Fosters Landing when they were faced with skyrocketing rents at the end of their guaranteed decades of affordability. While state law made pausing housing construction unlikely, Sanjay expressed his concerns about the law but ultimately worked with colleagues to ensure that Foster City submitted a housing element to the state that the council and staff believed would pass muster.

As COVID continued to rage in 2021, Sanjay Gehani was Mayor. He voted to assist Foster City small businesses and to help families by creating family-friendly events during a time of isolation. For example, he supported the Rubber Ducky Races which returned to Foster City after a 30-year hiatus. As vaccination rates rose, he supported creating hybrid city council meetings where residents could participate through Zoom or in person. He launched the Mayoral Minute video series, offering residents concise updates about city affairs. He supported the creation of a sister city relationship with Inagi City, Japan.

The largest single public works project in the history of the city is the upgrade of the Foster City levee. As a councilmember in 2020, shortly after the pandemic came to Foster City, and amidst all of the uncertainty, Sanjay and his colleagues unanimously voted to accept the bid that commenced construction. At the time of its final permit approval, the Foster City levee was the largest single project in the modern history of the permitting agency. It set several precedents and it is a credit to Sanjay and his colleagues that they were able to get this needed improvement under construction and to keep it on track despite the pandemic impacting nearly all other public works projects. Sanjay and his colleagues also worked very hard to keep a large upgrade to the wastewater treatment system on track and on budget.

Sanjay represents the city as a liaison to, or member of, several regional boards and commissions. These include but are not limited to the Airport Land Use Committee, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the City/County Association of Governments, the League of California Cities, the Foster City Chamber of Commerce, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, the San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District, and the South Bay Waste Management Authority.

Professionally, Sanjay spent 15 years at high technology companies before co-founding a preschool franchising company that is one of the largest in the nation. He is proud to help franchisees become financially independent. His commitment to children goes beyond establishing preschools as he coaches Foster City Little League and serves on the board of directors. He holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Davis and an MBA in Marketing and Leading Organizations from the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University.

As Foster City says goodbye to its former Mayor and Councilmember, it will remember his efforts to help better the community. Democracy needs people who are willing to step up and to accept the responsibilities of public office. Sanjay Gehani was willing to serve so that others could concentrate on their private and business lives. He will now rejoin his neighbors in those same roles, and his wife Sweetu and son Veer will now have more time with Sanjay for important family matters. The people of Foster City will no longer have the benefit of that time, but they will always owe a debt to their neighbor who accepted the role of leadership, with all of its blessings and challenges, during one of the most trying times in modern history.

JAMES M. INHOFE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 1512, James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023. This bill contains many important provisions that should become law, but unfortunately those policies are outweighed by the staggering increase in military spending. Accordingly, I cannot support the bill as a whole.

I am grateful for the inclusion of robust policies to protect our ocean, especially provisions from my legislation, the BLUE GLOBE Act. These provisions will direct existing ocean-focused interagency committees to coordinate overlapping data collection, align supercomputing and data storage efforts, develop cross-agency databases, and support consistent archiving practices. The legislation will also better assess the value of the Blue Economy, develop a study on workforce shortages related to careers in oceanic and atmospheric data collection, and identify actions the federal government can take to promote diversity in STEM education. Further, it directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to create, maintain, and regularly update a publicly available website that provides information about all resiliency grant programs. H.R. 7776 also prevents illegal fishing and forced labor, enhances marine mammal conservation, including of whales in the Puget Sound, and eliminates shark fin sales.

I also strongly support the pay increase for our troops, increased funding for research conducted at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, an increased military housing allowance, and providing reimbursement for members of the Armed Forces for childcare costs related to permanent base changes. Additionally, I commend Chairman SMITH for his ongoing advocacy for additional funding for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, which provides support and assistance to the Ukrainian Armed Forces in their response to Russian aggression.

I cannot ignore, however, the unprecedented amount of military spending this legislation authorizes while too many Oregonians and Americans continue to struggle economically. This bill costs \$847.3 billion, which far exceeds the President's budget request of \$773 billion. In our current economy, supporting more than 74 billion additional dollars, primarily for weapons, is unjustifiable when our communities desperately need food and housing security, access to high-quality childcare, affordable health care, and support for small businesses. We must not accept the notion that annual increases in defense spending are inevitable and can be rationalized as modest when Americans continue to struggle.

I do not take this vote lightly and my commitment to providing for our servicemembers remains steadfast. It is a complex and challenging task to responsibly fund our national defense, but I am confident that we can main-

tain adequate security while reining in the immense and ever-increasing sums that endlessly pour into the military-industrial complex. I look forward to continued engagement with my colleagues as we address these difficult issues.

RECOGNIZING TRUSTEE MEGAN ROUSE

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize outgoing Dublin Unified School District Trustee Megan Rouse as her term ends on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, after nine years of serving Dublin's students.

Megan graduated from Smith College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics and Mathematics in 1993. After moving to Dublin in 1997, she returned to school and earned a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from the University of California Berkeley's Haas School of Business in 2001.

Megan began her career in corporate investment banking in New York and San Francisco. She remains a Certified Financial Planner practitioner and owner of her own financial planning business, helping individuals and families reach their financial goals. She also served on the board of the Financial Planning Association of the East Bay for 11 years.

After she was appointed as a Dublin Unified School District trustee in 2013, Megan was elected to her first full term in 2014 with a successful bid for re-election in 2018. As a school board member, she serves on the wellness committee, budget committee, and grading committee, while also participating in programming for the Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area and Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program.

Through all of this, Megan has remained an active member of the Dublin community. Since 2014 she has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Dublin, holding various leadership positions. She also serves as a deacon and finance elder at John Knox Church, served on the board of Joy Preschool and Daycare for five years, and was the committee chair of Cub Scouts Pack 930.

I thank Megan for lending her diligence and leadership to the Dublin Unified School District Board for nearly a decade. I join the Tri-Valley community in celebrating her numerous accomplishments and wish her and her loving husband, Gordon, and two children, Maribel and Gabe, all the best as they decide what challenges to take on next.

HONORING JOHNNY C. TAYLOR, JR.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. for the grand opening of the Johnny Taylor Family UTrailblazers Experience.

The UTrailblazers Experience is a multimedia tribute recognizing and commemorating

Black students, living and deceased, who graduated from the University of Miami during the 1960s and 1970s, as well as spotlights the contributions of present and future black students. In 1961, the first trailblazers set foot on campus when the University of Miami admitted its first black students three and a half decades after the university first opened its doors. The inaugural forty student class dismantled many barriers and paved the way for generations to come.

The Johnny Taylor Family UTrailblazers Experience was born from an initiative by the Black Alumni Society, who shined a light on the many struggles the first Black students endured. At the time, the information was only available in the archives of the University of Miami Libraries. Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. is a University of Miami alumnus and member of the University of Miami Board of Trustees. Mr. Taylor has gifted UTrailblazers Experience as a permanent exhibit to celebrate and highlight the accomplishments of students and future generations of students who make a difference in the areas of diversity and inclusion.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. for his contribution to the University of Miami community and his commitment to preserving the history of past students and honoring the potential of future generations of Black students.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT E-QUANTAY MASON UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

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HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CARL CANNON

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Carl Cannon for his two decades of public service with the Peoria Park District and his continued efforts with ELITE Community Outreach. Carl founded ELITE Community Outreach in 2005 with the goal of keeping local kids out of the criminal justice system. Since that time, ELITE Community Outreach has mentored more than 1,600 children and expanded services including elementary, job training, and mentoring programs.

Carl is known throughout central Illinois as one of Peoria's tremendous mentors and educators. Under his leadership, ELITE programs have resulted in a 63 percent reduction in disciplinary referrals and a 67 percent improvement in GPA among students in the ELITE program. The Re-entry program is responsible for providing job skills to more than 120+ previously incarcerated individuals.

I am grateful for Carl's dedication to the Peoria community and his tireless efforts towards improving the lives of students and children across the city. The lessons taught by Carl will continue to spread hope, empowerment, and positivity in the Peoria community. I appreciate our friendship and, I wish Carl continued success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING CLARICE COOPER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Clarice Cooper for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on the July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation. Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Clarice Cooper's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Clarice Cooper for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

RECOGNIZING DIANA MEREDITH
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE
HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Diana Meredith, staff director of the House Budget Committee. Diana is retiring after more than 25 years of dedicated service to Congress and the Executive branch, including 20 years on the House Budget Committee.

A native of Washington state, Diana worked as a newspaper reporter in Seattle and the Napa Valley for several years. In 1997, she came to Washington, D.C. to work for the Senate Budget Committee, led at the time by U.S. Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine. In 1998, Diana moved to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to serve as a program examiner for Social Security and fiscal issues, analyzing Social Security reform proposals and negotiating and resolving policy disagreements among agencies and White House offices.

After five years at OMB, Diana joined the Democratic Staff of the House Budget Committee in 2003, under Rep. John Spratt, Jr. of South Carolina. Diana went on to serve as a budget analyst on the House Budget Committee for 14 years. She advised House leadership and committees on budget-related matters—developing recommendations, messaging guidance, and overall strategy for key Congressional legislative deliberations. Diana played a particularly important role in the development and passage of the historic Affordable Care Act (ACA) and in pushing back against harmful proposals to restructure Medicare and other crucial social programs.

In 2017, Diana became Deputy Staff Director of the House Budget Committee, where she assisted in the negotiation and passage of a number of highly consequential pieces of legislation. Her legacy includes the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, which ended the threat of annual discretionary sequesters from the Budget Control Act, the 2021 concurrent budget resolution that paved the way for the American Rescue Plan, and the historic American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which helped our nation rapidly recover from the COVID pandemic, with record-breaking job creation and broad-based economic growth.

Diana became Budget Staff Director in 2021, an enormously consequential year for President Biden, Congressional Democrats, and the American people. Diana led the Committee in enacting the framework for what would become the Inflation Reduction Act—landmark reconciliation legislation that has lowered the cost of prescription drugs for millions of seniors, expanded health insurance subsidies to help families access affordable, high-quality care, and provided the largest investment in U.S. history to combat climate.

Diana is a deeply caring public servant. She is uniquely adept at navigating complex budgetary issues and negotiations, while never losing sight of the reason we do this work: to help the American people. And Diana never missed an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate her staff's victories, big or small. The Budget Committee and our entire country has

benefited from Diana's expertise, her extensive knowledge of the budget process, her mentorship of staff, and her unwavering dedication to America's working families.

I want to thank Diana for her advice, dedication, and leadership. I wish her all the best in her much deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING LAPEER COUNTY
SEARCH AND RESCUE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lapeer County Search and Rescue, a team of dedicated and extensively trained volunteers.

Lapeer County Search and Rescue, known as LCSAR is a non-profit sub-division of the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department. The group of dedicated and highly skilled volunteers train and plan year-round to execute searches to locate lost or missing persons, both in urban and wilderness environments. The division uses a wide variety of technical skills to meet the needs of each unique and time critical scenario. The team has expertise in ground searchers, mounted resources, trackers, ATV's, radio communications, and certified K9 teams.

This team of selfless volunteers is a beacon of community strength. They give families hope in the toughest times, and answers when they are needed most. I commend the Lapeer County Search and Rescue Team for their heroism and constant preparation to keep our community safe.

HONORING DJAINA DERVIL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Djaina Dervil on her accomplishments and to congratulate her on receiving the United States Department of State Gilman Scholarship.

Djaina "Nina" Dervil is a rising senior at Florida State University pursuing a major in Behavioral Neuroscience and a minor in Chemistry. She was born and raised North Miami Beach, where she still calls home.

Her Gilman Scholarship enabled her to develop her grant-writing abilities and expand her STEM exploration. She worked with Seed Science on grant writing in the areas of environmental awareness and STEM education. Using the Gilman Scholarship, Djaina travelled and conducted research within the United States. She credits the Gilman Scholarship with contributing to her drive to conduct further research and to continue in academia.

She wants to acknowledge her mother, Sonnie Noel Dervil, and her father, Jules Dervil, for their sacrifices and efforts to fuel her education. She also wants to thank her brothers, Jodson Noel and Nikson Noel, for their support, assistance, and guidance. It's because of her family and support system that she was able to excel and secure this scholarship.

Following her undergraduate studies, she plans on securing an MD/PhD and applying through the Fulbright program to pursue her Masters in the United Kingdom.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Djaina Dervil for her accomplishments.

**HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
COURTNEY SMITH UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Staff Sergeant Courtney Smith of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for her service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. She exemplifies the best of America, and her tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the service members of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant service members like Staff Sergeant Courtney Smith epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Staff Sergeant Courtney Smith of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for her sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

RECOGNIZING VETERAN AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION SUPERVISOR, DAVID PESKO, JR.

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David Pesko, Jr. and his many years of dedication to the United States and Inland Empire as a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration.

David served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 9 years and 7 months from February 1985

until September 1994. During his service with the Marine Corps, David attended Air Traffic Control Communication Technology school. In 1986, he used this expertise to serve with the Marine Air Traffic Control Squadron 18 while stationed in Japan. In 1989, David was transferred to the Marine Corps Air Station in Irvine, California, where he served in the G-6 Communications Data and Electronics Squadron. Later he continued with this squadron but transitioned from the Marine Corps to the Department of Defense. After more than 10 years of dedication to the Marine Corps and Department of Defense, David transitioned to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), where he rose in the ranks to become a supervisor at the Ontario National Air Space Electronics Service Support Center. After his transition to the FAA, David continued to serve his country as he was deployed to Haiti in 2010 to support the FAA's Air Traffic Control at the Port Au Prince Airport.

At the end of this year, David is officially retiring. I hope that he gets to rest and enjoy time with his family, including his three grandchildren. We are grateful for his service to our country.

For his outstanding accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize David Pesko, Jr. His years of civic service and commitment to the United States and the people of the Inland Empire are worthy of the highest commendation.

HONORING TROY VINCENT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Troy Vincent as a new inductee into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project and proudly honor him with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom and Justice Award.

Troy Vincent was a cornerback in the National Football League from 1992–2006 for the Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles, Buffalo Bills, and Washington Commanders (formerly Washington Redskins). Troy Vincent served as the former President of the NFLPA, the first active NFL player to serve on the National Board of Directors for a Pop Warner Scholars Program, and the first Black Executive Vice President.

Born on June 8, 1970, in Trenton, New Jersey, Vincent attended the University of Wisconsin and was drafted by the Miami Dolphins as the 7th overall pick in 1992. In his current role as Executive Vice President of Football Operations for the NFL, he drives the organization through a deep commitment to impact lives. As a national leader and advocate against domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, Role Model Troy Vincent is committed to leadership, demonstrating character and a powerful voice for the voiceless.

During the 116th Congress, I worked hard to pass an historic, bipartisan piece of legislation that created the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys. Troy Vincent was honored for being a champion for boys and men of color at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast.

It is an honor to recognize Troy Vincent with this award.

**HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
BRANDON JENSEN UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Staff Sergeant Brandon Jensen of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Staff Sergeant Brandon Jensen epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Staff Sergeant Brandon Jensen of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

REMEMBERING JOHN ELLIKER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Elliker, who passed Monday, November 28, 2022. He was 100 years old.

John was born on April 7, 1922, in Decatur, Indiana. The son of the late Reverend Reuben and Marth C. Elliker. He was raised in Galion, Ohio while his father pastored over First United Church of Christ (formerly known as First Reformed Church) for 29 years. After graduating from high school, John would travel down to Oxford to continue his education at Miami University, where he would major in Economics and History. He would take a break during his studies to serve in the United

States Navy during World War II, and return after the end of the war. After graduating, John would go on to our nation's capital and complete his graduate studies from Georgetown; he would major in International Law while there. Later on, he would attend the Army War College and complete his studies in International Relations.

In 1948, John married his beloved wife, Janet (Carpenter) Elliker of Detroit, Michigan who also attended Miami University and preceded John in death in 2014 and was known in Washington, D.C. and in Ohio as a dedicated Bible Study leader and as a sports-woman. They were married 66 years.

John subsequently served with the National Security Agency (NSA). During his years with NSA, he undertook assignments across the world, with specific ties to Asia and Europe, and at the National Headquarters and Processing Center in the Washington, D.C. area. His journey would take him to the highest executive levels of the agency. His senior positions included Director of Foreign Relations, Director of Field Activity, and Assistant NSA Deputy Director for Policy. Following retirement, John and Jan moved to New Philadelphia in 1988.

John was active in community affairs in various capacities. He served with the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce, the Tuscarawas Philharmonic, and the local Kiwanis Club. He was active as a member of the Dover Alliance Church serving over the years in several positions such as elder, church governing board and board secretary as well as musical activities. John frequently lectured on foreign affairs for local organizations. He was a member of the Union Country Club where both he and Jan were ardent golfers.

John is survived by four children, John Jr. (Susan) of Virginia Beach, VA, James (Roula) of Fleetwood, PA, Jody (Bill) Weisgarber of New Philadelphia, OH, and Jeffry (Marcia) of Durham, NC, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, John is preceded in death by two brothers, Richard of Cable, WI, and Bernard of Ellicott City, MD.

HONORING DON LEMON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Lemon on his accomplishments and to congratulate him on receiving the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom and Justice Award.

Don Lemon is a multiple Emmy and Edward R. Murrow award-winning CNN Anchor. He has worked for news stations across the country and has reported for NBC News' New York Operations as a correspondent for Today, Weekend Today, NBC Nightly News, and MSNBC.

Born on March 1, 1966, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Don Lemon graduated from Baton Rouge public schools and attended Louisiana State University, later graduating from Brooklyn College. The best-selling author moderates CNN political town halls and co-hosted the

Color of Covid special that addressed the pandemic's impact on communities of color.

During the 116th Congress, I worked to pass historic, bipartisan legislation creating the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys. Mr. Lemon will always be remembered as a leading network voice following the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests and riots.

Mr. Lemon was honored for being a champion for males of color at the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project's 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast, and it is an honor to call him a friend.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. CHEN CHING YING

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Dr. Chen Ching Ying, who passed away on October 2, 2022. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and an outstanding leader for the professional world of medicine.

Chen Ching was born on May 6, 1930, in Qingdao, China, to Mr. Gua Ying and Mrs. De Zhen Li. After graduating from the National Defense Medical Center in Taipei, he served for 10 years in the Taiwanese military. After two years of service as a general medical officer, Chen Ching completed his residency training in Pediatrics for three years at Taichung Hospital.

Following the completion of his residency in 1966, Chen Ching became a staff physician at the Taipei Veterans General Hospital. On May 6, 1967, Chen Ching married his wife, Lily Fan. In 1968, their first son, Steve, was born. Chen Ching soon began studying for the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and passed the infamously difficult exam. In 1972 their second son, Alan, was born. In 1973, Chen Ching began his internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida. After various residency programs, Chen Ching obtained his license to practice medicine and was able to settle down with his family in Ohio. His life is an excellent example of achieving the American dream.

Chen Ching dedicated his life to the medical profession and his family. His upbringing and life in Taiwan brought forth an ethic of perseverance and service. With 63 years of experience under his belt, Chen Ching proved to be an essential asset to the medical world. While his passion for treating and healing patients drove him, Chen Ching was known for his love of family and a passion for table tennis, history and music. He was loved by so many people and touched so many lives with his giving spirit and caring heart. The loss of Chen Ching will be felt by his friends, family, and the many communities he has treated and served.

Chen Ching is survived by his sisters, Lai-Ching and Ching-Ehr; brother, Chen-Zhe; and sons, Steve and Alan; and his grandchildren. May Chen Ching's memory live on in his many contributions to his community and family.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE ALBIO SIREs

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of our colleague and dear friend, ALBIO SIREs. Chairman SIREs is retiring after ten years of admirable service in the U.S. Congress. In that time, he has been a steadfast advocate for human rights, democracy, and for those struggling for freedom in the most repressed places in the world.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman SIREs worked tirelessly on behalf of the American people to manifest our American values and interests abroad.

If you were to compare our voting records, you might conclude that we have little in common. That would be wrong. Like my family, Chairman SIREs' family was forced into exile to escape the tyranny of the Castro dictatorship. We share the gratitude of being warmly welcomed into freedom, while also feeling compelled to help those still languishing in their island prison. So when it came to pressing for freedom for the people of Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Communist China, Iran, and elsewhere, Chairman SIREs was a fierce and adept advocate.

Chairman SIREs and I also co-chaired the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, a bipartisan congressional organization that focuses on preserving freedom and self-government for the people of Taiwan, providing Taiwan with the tools it needs to defend itself, and strengthening the U.S.-Taiwan relationship. We also co-chaired the Colombia Caucus, which built on the success since Plan Colombia to ensure that the country did not backslide into the violence and narcoterrorism of the 1990s. No one could be a better ally in the struggle for democracy and human rights than my friend, Chairman SIREs.

I thank him for his service, and will always be proud of the accomplishments we achieved together to advance freedom in the Pacific and our hemisphere. He has left a lasting legacy befitting the foundational values of freedom, self-rule, and fundamental rights.

Chairman SIREs is a friend, patriot, and a beloved brother in the cause for freedom. I am grateful that our country has been blessed by his leadership. Indeed, his example represents the best of America, and the best of this body.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN COUNTIE

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I am honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of my Deputy Chief of Staff and National Security Advisor, Kevin Countie. Kevin has proven to be a true American patriot and devoted public servant through his 32-plus years of active reserve, and national guard service, 20 years of service with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and having

served the people of TX-22 for the last two years.

Having achieved the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army, Kevin served across various units including Long Range Surveillance, Aviation, Signal, Airborne Infantry, Civil Affairs, and Information Operations. He also supported the Pentagon and the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence with several top-secret security programs and served a tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

With the DEA, he spearheaded the first detailed area survey of Austin's illicit drug trade by collaborating with local, state, and other federal law enforcement partners, successfully resulting in an in-depth assessment disseminated to partner agencies to further mitigate illegal drug trade activity.

In my congressional office, Kevin was a trusted advisor who brought his wealth of experience and a commitment to excellence to every task he worked on.

While Kevin prepares for the next steps in his career, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of my friend, Kevin Countie. On behalf of Texas' 22nd Congressional District, I thank him for his service and wish him the very best.

HONORING ROBERT E. SALZMAN
OF THE L.E. JONES COMPANY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Robert E. Salzman. A lifelong resident of the Menominee area, Robert Salzman was a retired U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and served a remarkable 44-year career with the L.E. Jones Company. His passing at the age of 99 on September 6, 2022, has greatly affected the communities of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and the impact of his life cannot be overstated.

Robert Salzman lived a life of commitment to his community and his peers. First starting his time with the L.E. Jones Company in 1942, Robert soon enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, where he was assigned to the 602nd Army Engineers Battalion in Europe. Shortly after his military career, he returned to the L.E. Jones Company. During his 44-year career, Salzman worked as a machinist in the company's engineering department, and later served in the sales department until his retirement in 1986. Continually contributing to the company, he served a pivotal role in the company's success and longevity. Accompanying his achievements in his professional career and as a soldier, Robert was a respected and beloved father. His legacy lives on among his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Robert Salzman for his lifelong commitment to our country and his community. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my condolences to Robert's family and wish them best in their future endeavors. Michigan's First District is saddened by the passing of Robert and offer our prayers to his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF MASTER
SERGEANT TERRY MICKENS

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Chief Master Sergeant Terry Mickens, United States Air Force, and her work as the Department of Defense legislative fellow detailed to my office for 2022.

In 2021, Chief Master Sergeant Mickens was selected to represent the Air Force as a Department of Defense legislative fellow.

The Department of Defense (DoD) legislative fellowship program provides superior service members with valuable legislative experience and DoD with an understanding of how congressional actions affect DoD's budget, roles and missions, force structure, military projects, and quality of life.

Over the past year, Chief Master Sergeant Mickens has been essential to my office and the defense portfolio. She has crafted and coordinated NDAA amendments in line with my priorities and the needs of Northwest Washington communities.

She worked to protect service members from online sexual harassment, strengthen the total force by providing access to advanced education for enlisted members, improve interoperability with partners and allies in the Pacific and she pressed the Department of Defense to strengthen service cohesion, transparency and force restructure in electromagnetic spectrum operations.

Chief Master Sergeant Mickens conducted research and provided comprehensive updates on DoD Arctic Strategy, DoD 5G Pilot Programs, AI/ML Education Strategy, and Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations to inform my policy agenda.

Chief Master Sergeant Mickens dedicates her time to her family, education and community.

Chief Master Sergeant Mickens hails from El Paso, Texas. She is the proud mother of Asia Mickens-Perez and is the daughter of Cynthia Mickens and Army veteran, Leonard Mickens.

She completed over 60 hours of professional development, was selected for the MIT AI/ML for Business Course and completed the Wilson AI and National Security six-week Fellowship program. She earned a certificate in Legislative Affairs from Georgetown University's Government Affairs Institute.

She and I share a love of soccer, and Chief Master Sergeant Mickens volunteers her free time to support regional soccer teams and raised \$4,000 for a soccer travel abroad program.

The Air Force recognized her hard work, leadership and dedication and promoted her to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant in October 2022.

I thank Chief Master Sergeant Mickens for her commitment and service to her community, Washington's Second Congressional District and the United States of America.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY OF DR. EDMUND WYATT GORDON OF POMONA, NEW YORK

HON. MONDAIRE JONES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize renowned psychologist, scholar, research scientist, author, and professor, Dr. Edmund Wyatt Gordon of Pomona, New York. Professor Gordon, who turns 102 on June 13, 2023, is one of our nation's preeminent thinkers on improving the academic outcomes for children from marginalized and disenfranchised backgrounds. His decades of scholarship, leadership, and mentorship demonstrate his commitment to eliminating race-based discrimination and ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all Americans.

Dr. Gordon was born in 1921 in the segregated town of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Education was a core value in the Gordon family; his parents, an elementary school teacher and a Jamaican-born doctor, encouraged him to focus on school. After graduating high school, he studied at Howard University, where he earned bachelor's degrees in Zoology and in Social Ethics in Divinity. He then received a master's degree in Social Psychology from American University and a Doctor of Education in Child Development and Guidance from Teachers College at Columbia University, where he developed a friendship with W.E.B. Du Bois.

Through his years of education, Dr. Gordon became an expert in child development and devoted his career to uncovering and remedying the issues and challenges faced by non-white students in American schools. He was one of the first scholars to observe the "achievement gap," or the disparity in measurable academic performance among students from different socioeconomic and racial backgrounds. He was one of the first to argue for the importance of understanding students' unique perspectives and contexts to provide the best educational support possible, preemptively advocating for affirmative development in academic ability and supplementary education to improve the academic outcomes for diverse learners.

Professor Gordon has been widely recognized as one of the leading Black psychologists of his time. His work has shaped our current understanding of child psychology and education. He has authored 18 books, published more than 200 articles, and mentored countless professionals of color who today occupy leadership positions at top universities and social policy institutions.

Dr. Gordon's scholarship has been highly impactful on social policy to improve the educational outcomes for students of color. His early research was cited in the landmark case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, to prove to the Supreme Court that school segregation harmed children. President Lyndon B. Johnson commissioned Dr. Gordon to design the Head Start program, which provided childhood education and services to under-resourced families. Professor Gordon worked to ensure that Head Start also addressed societal factors that impeded the educational development of low-income and historically

marginalized students. Under his leadership, Head Start became one of our most successful and effective programs to address poverty and combat systemic racial injustice.

Professor Gordon has held appointments at several of our nation's leading universities, including the City University of New York, Columbia, Harvard, Howard, Stanford, Yale, and Yeshiva Universities. He served as the founding director of Teachers College at Columbia's Institute for Urban and Minority Education, which was recently renamed in Dr. Gordon's honor to recognize his impactful scholarship and service.

As a long-time member and former president of the Spring Valley NAACP, Dr. Gordon has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to eliminating race-based discrimination, including in his, and my, home community. In 2000, Professor Gordon and his wife, Dr. Susan Gitt Gordon, founded the CEJES Institute and Library in Pomona, New York. The Institute, which sits on route NY-45 in Rockland County, is dedicated to improving the educational and social conditions of marginalized communities, especially the Black community, through providing resources for supplementary education, including community-based activities and learning experiences for students and their families.

Dr. Gordon has been widely applauded for his contributions as a preeminent scholar in African American Studies and child development. He has been elected as a fellow to several prestigious organizations, including the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Educational Testing Service established the Edmund W. Gordon Chair for Evaluation and Research in his honor. He has also received countless awards recognizing his service from organizations and publications including the American Educational Research Association, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine, and the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, as well as honorary degrees from Bank Street, Brown, Howard, Mount Holyoke, Columbia, Yale, and Yeshiva Universities. These accolades recognize Dr. Gordon's lasting contributions to developments in supplementary and compensatory education, child development, and school desegregation.

As someone who has known and admired Dr. Gordon since I was a young boy, I can personally attest to his contributions to our Rockland County community, and to my own trajectory to the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and legacy of Dr. Gordon. A trailblazer, he has been a lifelong advocate for the Black community and an early champion of psychological and innovative techniques to improve the academic outcomes for historically marginalized communities. Professor Edmund Wyatt Gordon's seven decades of selfless contributions through scholarship, research, teaching, and mentorship are unparalleled and will continue to advance equity in education.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL ENOMOTO

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Enomoto, FAIA upon his 50th anniversary at Gruen Associates in Los Angeles.

A native Angeleno and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo alumnus, Michael Enomoto's career at Gruen Associates, a well-respected architecture and planning firm, has grown exponentially as he has established himself as a key voice in Southern California architectural design.

Mr. Enomoto joined Gruen Associates as Head of the Construction Administration Department, working his way up to Vice President, then Managing Partner—a role he has served in since 2009. Michael has made a tangible impact on the greater Los Angeles area and its architecture. Over his five decades with the firm, he has successfully managed a wide range of public and private projects including courthouses, embassies, shopping centers, schools, high rise offices, and performing arts centers. Michael has served as a leader in the architecture field, managing dozens of collaborative teams.

At Los Angeles' most critical moments, Mr. Enomoto was called upon as a trusted expert. Following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, he was a leader in analyzing and estimating the damage and repair cost of dozens of municipal building and bridges. When city officials began to develop Downtown Los Angeles, Mayor Richard Riordan personally requested that Michael plan an arena that would one day become Staples Center (now Crypto.com Arena) and LA Live. Mr. Enomoto has also served as Commissioner of the City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission.

One of Michael's most valuable skills is his ability to develop creative solutions for entities with diverse interests. On governmental projects, where the needs of various entities often differ, he has proven more than capable in balancing complex administrative, technical, and managerial challenges. Mr. Enomoto's tireless work has been recognized by the American Institute of Architects (AIA)—of which he has been a fellow for 15 years. In 2018 Michael was the deserving recipient of the AIA/LA Presidential Honoree Gold Medal, adding to his long list of awards from the organization and its state-wide chapter.

Beyond his work with Gruen Associates, Mr. Enomoto is deeply involved in serving the larger community. Despite his busy schedule, he continues to mentor new architecture professionals and leads the way towards new standards of innovation. Michael is especially impactful within the Asian American community as a very active, influential board member of the Asian American Architects/Engineers Association's Southern California Chapter.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating Michael Enomoto for half a century of exceptional leadership, serving greater Los Angeles community, and trailblazing in his field.

IN MEMORY OF MAMIE KING-CHALMERS

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of civil rights trailblazer Mamie King-Chalmers, a longtime resident of Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong, as we honor her memory.

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Mamie King-Chalmers witnessed and experienced violence at the forefront of the civil rights movement. Unable to bear the injustice of life in the Jim Crow era southern United States, Ms. King-Chalmers was moved to fight racism for a better future for all. The images of snarling dogs and fire hoses aimed at non-violent protesters are the symbols of the vitriol of that time, and it was an all too real experience for Ms. King-Chalmers. Her image was captured in an iconic photo depicting her as one of three Black people forced to brace themselves against a building while being blasted with water from a firehose in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963. The photo appeared in *Life* magazine.

Eventually, Mamie King-Chalmers, along with her husband Reverend Raymond Gill, moved and settled with their family in Detroit. She always shared the unvarnished truth of her life during that violent time. As a civil rights advocate, she spoke out about the need for change. She was courageous and unwavering in her commitment.

Please join me in recognizing Mamie King-Chalmers' advocacy in the fight for justice as we honor her legacy. May she rest in power.

HONORING LORETTA CHARBONNEAU, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, Loretta Charbonneau, an amazing wife, mother, friend, campaign volunteer and my congressional district director for 20 years, has passed away.

My wife Marie and I knew her as a gifted and compassionate leader since we began working together in the prolife movement beginning in the early 1970s.

Family and friends celebrated her life at a memorial Mass at St. Raphaels Catholic Church in Hamilton, New Jersey.

Loretta loved her beloved husband George so much and always talked about him and her kids.

One of her three children, Mary Roldan, gave a beautiful eulogy and said:

"You knew her greatness, her kindness, her strength, her sense of humor, her positivity, her creativity, her ever-encouraging way and most of all you knew her enduring LOVE."

I'm not sure that there are words that can truly express the depth and breadth of our mom, Loretta Charbonneau. It is an incredibly difficult task to try and sum up an entire life in the allotted time given here today of 3 to 5 minutes.

But thank God all of you here today knew her. You knew her greatness, her kindness, her strength, her sense of humor, her positivity, her creativity, her ever-encouraging way, and most of all you knew her enduring LOVE. Her love came with no strings attached. She loved you simply because you were you. That quiet acceptance was like being wrapped in a warm blanket. The love that our mother gave was felt deep to your core. She knew that giving that love away to someone else would never take anything away from her but make her stronger.

Since our mom's passing, I have had so many people make comments to me about how much our mother impacted their lives by not only the love that she so freely shared but also by her encouraging way. She had such self-love that she always looked to raise up someone else and knew that doing this would not detract from her but add to her. She shared her love and wisdom so freely. Her goal was always to life up the life of another.

One of our dear friends from our growing up years said to me your mother was my inspiration growing up. She was amazing and we connected. That just makes me pause and say wow how awesome is that, that someone outside of our family unit could feel that same love we did.

Our mother would always say let's lift one another up and make a difference. Well mom you did just that. You succeeded. You lifted up so many, many people. You will be sorely missed on this physical earth, but you are always with us. Your strength of spirit and love will never die. You have led by example and have passed that love on to the next generation so that we to can make a difference. The mantle has been passed and we accept the challenge.

On a personal note, in this experience of losing my mother, I don't think it is sorrow that I feel, but such a complete sense of gratitude toward Life for granting me such a blessing. So, to Life I'd like to say thank you, thank you, thank you.

To conclude, my mother's favorite prayer was the prayer of St. Francis. She lived this prayer on the daily. It sums her up in a nutshell. In honor of her, I'd like to say it now.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy. O' Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Mom, you did all of those things. You led by example. You will live on in us and our children forever. To a life well lived. We love you and you will be missed."

For all of us, Madam Speaker, we remember Loretta's extraordinary kindness and compassion and her deep and abiding faith in the Lord.

When we were expecting our first child, Melissa, in 1978 Loretta hosted a baby shower and boy did we need it.

Loretta had an amazing ability to work hard and effectively. She was a doer even for the most difficult tasks and was a great asset in my campaigns for Congress.

Loretta officially joined our congressional office in 1982 and it was clear right from the start that she had a remarkable empathy for people, especially those in need and assumed the position of district director in 1985, until she retired in 2005.

Twenty years of awesome leadership.

Loretta was a tough competitor and thrived on the challenges of political campaigns. Lo-

retta was a problem solver and set a tremendous example of what hard work and leaving no stone unturned looks like.

I was always amazed how diplomatically but firmly she would question people seeking our help.

She wanted the facts, the truth with no hyperbole.

America's national program for assisting persons with Autism started in 1997 in my Whiting office with a meeting put together by Loretta that included the parents of two children with autism from Brick.

After a three-hour first meeting followed by many others, we mapped out a strategy and legislation that became law.

Like so many initiatives, it took years for our initiative to bear fruit.

Loretta was never a quitter.

When Navy Lakehurst was put on a DOD list for closure, Loretta put together a meeting of dozens of elected officials just two days after the bad news broke, and together we began the arduous task of saving the base, and against all odds, we succeeded.

Loretta is deeply missed, but is remembered with enormous respect, joy and love.

HONORING THE ENDURING CAREER OF ALANNA KABEL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career in public service of Alanna Kabel of Bridgeport, Connecticut. A housing policy guru, Alanna retires from a career that spans 44 years, eight of the last with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, on December 31, 2022.

Alanna's service in government goes much further than her time with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1978, after completing a degree in History from Immaculata University, Alanna began her career with the City of Bridgeport, first as a Relocation Assistant. Though she transitioned between public-service roles over the decades, working for other institutions, including the nearby City of Norwalk and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, Alanna possessed an unending degree of loyalty to her home community, Bridgeport. Her loyalty was reflected through her continual return to Bridgeport City Hall, including as the City's Assistant Chief Administrative Officer between 2011 and 2014. In this capacity, Alanna coordinated daily business operations for an organization of more than 45 departments, supporting efficient services for the largest city in the state.

Alanna joined the U.S. Department of Housing in 2014. As the Community Planning and Development Director in the Hartford Field Office, she has overseen a period of growth for a team that more than doubled under her watch—directly expanding the field office's ability to advance U.S. HUD initiatives. Under her leadership, the Community Planning and Development office administered roughly \$118 million in annual—and \$91 million in pandemic specific—funding to scores of municipalities, nonprofits and the state government. In doing so, Alanna has worked to support the viability of urban Connecticut life, revitalization of neighborhoods, enable opportunities for affordable housing development and implement homelessness mitigation strategies.

In her time with U.S. HUD, Alanna has been responsible for a wide array of priorities. She has overseen the Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery Program, Rebuild by Design Program, National Disaster Resilience grants, and two Youth Homeless Demonstration Program grants in Connecticut. One of Alanna's proudest accomplishments has been her leadership on a team of 18 staff to audit and streamline the Department's Consolidated Annual Action Plan and field training processes. This administrative overhaul enabled the department's ability, particularly during the pandemic, to efficiently receive, review, and distribute funding to grant requests.

Madam Speaker, my office learned firsthand about Alanna's stellar work ethic in 2015 when a little understood crisis began affecting residential foundations across the state. Homeowners found themselves grappling with the untimely and unpreventable crumbling of their concrete foundations. With no assistance from insurance providers, every homeowner impacted by a crumbling foundations faced the difficult predicament of securing the financial means to make the costly repairs. As my office worked with federal partners to identify resources for homeowners, Alanna's role as the Community Planning and Development Director was pivotal in those efforts. HUD was the first agency to identify a means of assistance for homeowners using an already existing federal program, the Community Development Block Grant. With HUD's guidance, federal and state stakeholders began to formulate avenues of assistance that continue to benefit impacted constituents.

Madam Speaker, I can personally attest to the tremendous support Alanna has been to my office, and by translation, constituents of the Second District of Connecticut, for which this representational body ought to be eternally grateful. There will certainly be large shoes to fill in her place as dedication as she transitions into retirement with her husband, William, to spend more time with their beloved four children and four grandchildren. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing and thanking Alanna Kabel for her decades of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unexpectedly delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 513 (H.R. 8404).

HONORING THE CAREER OF CLOTILDE PEREZ-BODE DEDECKER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize Clotilde

Perez-Bode Dedecker and her remarkable seventeen-year career with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. Clotilde began her work with the Community Foundation in 2005, becoming President and CEO in 2007. Under her leadership, she oversaw this philanthropic organization's growth from \$159 million to \$850 million in total assets. Furthermore, she was a visionary and understood the value of establishing partnerships with other community organizations such as Say Yes Buffalo, Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable, and the WNY Impact Investment Fund. This expansion has allowed the Buffalo community to be more strongly supported and guided, and none of it would have been possible without the stewardship that Clotilde has provided.

Clotilde's contributions to the community and work as a philanthropist have been recognized at all levels, from local community organizations to international organizations. She was appointed to the White House Council on Service and Civic Participation and named co-chair of the U.S. Committee of the United Nations International Year of the Volunteer. She has also presented at the U.S. Partnership on Mobility from Poverty Summit supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Washington, D.C. and the Asia Forum on Philanthropy for Better Cities in Hong Kong. Furthermore, she was awarded the President's Award for Service, a civic award bestowed by the President of the United States to honor volunteers that give hundreds of hours per year helping others through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Clotilde has previously been named The Buffalo News Citizen of the Year Award, the Buffalo Niagara Executive of the Year, and received the Distinguished Citizen Award from her alma mater, Canisius College. Highly honored and recognized for her commitment to moving this community forward in a strategic way, Clotilde has led the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo to enhance our environment and educational opportunities, and further invest in our rich and diverse local arts. Clotilde is the indispensable pillar of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, and she will be missed dearly after her retirement; however, her legacy, work, and success will inspire community members for years to come. During my time in Congress, it has been a pleasure to work with the Community Foundation under the leadership of Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker and I commend her for her professionalism, vision, and impressive leadership on behalf of a grateful community in the Western New York.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
THE HONORABLE LAURENCE
MAY TO THE RESIDENTS OF
HILLSBOROUGH, CALIFORNIA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Laurence May upon the occasion of his departure from the Hillsborough Town Council. The residents of Hillsborough have benefitted enormously from Larry's service to the community in an elected or volunteer position since 1989.

It takes a special personality to volunteer or to serve in elective office for 33 years. The word that comes to mind is "patience." Larry served on the school board from 1995 to 2007. During that time, he spearheaded a \$68 million bond measure to rebuild Hillsborough's schools. Even now, as a town council member, Larry continues his support of the schools. He supported a measure on the November ballot needed to upgrade the classrooms for modern education in science, engineering, technology and math, to repair roofs and electrical systems, to upgrade classrooms for earthquake compliance, and to install solar when feasible. Prior to joining the school board, Larry served on the Hillsborough Schools Foundation Executive Committee from 1989 to 1993.

Woven into Larry May's story is a family history of dedication to Hillsborough. His mother was a significant volunteer and essentially raised Larry from childhood with a sense of duty towards the community. Today, this duty extends beyond the borders of Hillsborough to include service on countywide organizations such as the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County and Peninsula Clean Energy, as well as the City-County Association of Governments Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. He's chaired the Hillsborough Town Council's Audit and Finance Committee and served as Chair from 2021 to the present.

The Town of Hillsborough is a remarkable community of 11,000 nestled in the hills and flatlands of central San Mateo County. The community's spirit is extraordinary, with volunteerism playing a major role in civic life. Larry May has personified this volunteer spirit over decades. During his council service, he's given countless hours of expert legal advice to his colleagues and offered a willing ear to residents seeking a redress of their grievances.

He has also been the council's liaison to the city's Code Enforcement Board, the Architecture and Design Review Board, and served as a commissioner on the Hillsborough Recreation Commission since 2011. One of the most challenging positions was serving on the SFO Airport Community Roundtable. Larry and leaders from neighboring cities tried to find ways to decrease airport noise impacts on the community despite woefully inadequate federal noise protections. In the 1980's, Larry served on the Board of Directors of the Heart Association of San Mateo County and was a member of the Rotary Club of Foster City.

Not all of Larry's nonprofit service has been solely to Hillsborough or to its schools. He is deeply embedded in the health system, having served on the Board of Trustees of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, the Mills Peninsula Hospital Foundation and the Board of Trustees of Mills Peninsula Hospital.

Larry was educated at Crocker Middle School in Hillsborough and ultimately received his A.B. in Economics from the University of California. Berkeley and his J.D. Cum Laude, Law, from Santa Clara University School of Law. He served for almost three years as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California before entering private practice in local law firms. He is now retired, but he enjoyed practicing law representing investors and developers of real estate in their transactional activities. He also handled acquisitions, dispositions, leases, and financing as well as appearances before public agencies.

I want to also express my appreciation to Larry's wife, Laurie, their son Aaron, and their daughter Jessica for sharing Larry with the community over all these years. While the time that Larry dedicated to his community improved it enormously over many decades, his family supported him during countless hours when he was performing his public duties. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

My best wishes to my friend Larry May—a local boy who grew up to lead. He is a public servant who left his mark on Hillsborough, and for that we are all grateful that he did.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
MICHAEL RAUCCI UPON RECEIVING
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING
CROSS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Staff Sergeant Michael Raucci of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Staff Sergeant Michael Raucci epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Staff Sergeant Michael Raucci of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

RECOGNIZING LIN BANKS FOR
NEARLY 22 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lin Banks, who

is retiring after nearly twenty-two years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lin joined the Office of Financial Counseling in 2001, having previously worked for a non-profit that provides support to abandoned, abused, and neglected foster care children. Over the course of the next two decades, she worked with numerous offices on both sides of the aisle, including the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE of Colorado, Hon. DANIEL WEBSTER of Florida, Hon. Jason Altmire of Pennsylvania, Hon. Russ Carnahan of Missouri, and Hon. Chip Cravaack of Minnesota.

In addition to serving as my office's Financial Administrator, Lin currently works with the Offices of the Honorables DON BEYER and GERRY CONNOLLY of Virginia, Hon. Charlie Crist of Florida, Hon. PETER DEFAZIO of Oregon, Hon. JIM HIMES of Connecticut, Hons. DEREK KILMER and RICK LARSEN of Washington, Hon. SETH MOULTON of Massachusetts, Hon. SCOTT PETERS of California, and the Select Committee on Economic Disparity & Fairness in Growth, performing a variety of financial and administrative duties with high ethics, efficiency, and accountability.

Lin has been an invaluable asset to our offices, ensuring we maintain our financial and personnel records. Though we will all miss her, we know that she will enjoy her time doing what she loves—gardening, fishing, and spending time with her loved ones.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lin Banks and wishing her the best in her retirement and upcoming move to Hallieford, Virginia.

RECOGNIZING ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE TIM BUTLER

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Illinois State Representative Tim Butler for his leadership and dedication to Central Illinois. Prior to his 4-terms as Illinois State Representative, Tim served as the District Chief of Staff for both Congressman Rodney Davis and former Congressman Ray LaHood. Representative Butler has long served as a distinguished voice on behalf of the people of Logan, Menard, Sangamon, and Tazewell counties and our entire state.

Throughout his time in the Illinois General Assembly, Representative Butler has been a strong leader for agriculture, small business, and other vital priorities for Illinois. He has

twice been named a Friend of Agriculture by Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR and twice been awarded the Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). In addition, Representative Butler served in a leadership roles as the Illinois House Assistant Republican Leader and as the Republican Spokesperson on the Transportation Committee.

During my time in the State House and Congress, I have been proud to call Tim a colleague and a friend. Representative Butler stands as a model for the values and priorities which current- and future-public servants should strive to uphold in order to better our communities. I want to thank Tim for his many years of dedicated service to the state of Illinois and wish him and his wife, Wendy, much success in all their future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 14

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine why the FTX bubble burst and the harm to consumers.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 4439, to take certain Federal land located in

Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

S-120

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine improving access to capital in underserved communities, focusing on the Community Advantage program, microloans, and other Small Business Administration initiatives.

SR-428A

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on saving Ukraine's children.

WEBEX

DECEMBER 15

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2774, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address patent ownership, and the nomination of Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress.

SD-538

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine the impact of plastic use and identifying solutions for reducing plastic waste.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To receive a closed briefing on Russian activity across Africa.

SVC-217

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine promoting healthy and affordable food for older Americans.

SD-562

DECEMBER 19

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police.

SR-301